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ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER -POLICE INVESTIGATION STILL ACTIVE

RIVERSIDE, CA – On February 23, 2012, a well-liked Riverside student was shot by an unidentified suspect just outside his home in Riverside's eastside community. Lareanz Simmons, a Poly High School freshman who was just 14 years old, died as a result of his injuries. Lareanz had no gang affiliation and was a popular, caring kid who gave back to his community through his work with the Junior ROTC program.

The Riverside Police Department's Homicide Unit is currently investigating new leads recently received in the case and will continue to pursue the new developments that have come to the attention of the handling detectives. All new leads are given priority with the investigation.

The Riverside Police Department is asking for the continued assistance from the public and wants to remind anyone with information to please contact Riverside Police Detective Tillett at 951-353-7105, Detective Medici at 951-353-7104 or if you wish to remain anonymous, contact We Tip at 1 (800) 78-CRIME or 1 (800) 782-7463.

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